

ASA PRATT.

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Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Asa Pratt, asking to be paid back pension, report:*

That the petitioner, Asa Pratt, is now enjoying a full pension as an invalid soldier of the war of 1812. He now comes and asks that he be paid a pension from the date of his disability. The custom of the Pension bureau, and long sanctioned as law, precludes the payment of arrears of pensions prior to the time of application for one. To set aside this practice would open a door to admit numerous others making the same demand. Your committee think this would be wrong, and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

